

Washington, his ability to influence legislation, and the very important role he plays with the administration. I feel it would be very helpful if in fact we could find someone from Kansas to lead that effort in that state. The Dakotas should also be represented as should Wyoming, Colorado and other midwestern states. I know that we are talking about a lot of money here which is not insignificant, but when viewed in relation to its impact upon the State of Nebraska, it becomes much less relevant. I would hope that the amendment will be discussed thoroughly, the resolution will be discussed thoroughly. I would hope that if you have suggestions or amendments to offer you would do so. I am amenable to any reasonable kind of amendment. Again I want to say to Senator Vickers and those others who were in the leadership of this effort that I do not want to do anything that would dilute their effort but only to add to it. I know that as I travel back and forth through my district on a daily basis that I find many individuals who are watching what we do here very closely and very carefully and I think it is important that we act in this area in a very deliberative manner and one which will hopefully bring some positive results. I will be glad to answer any questions that anyone might have, and if there are no questions, I will be glad to close with a few more remarks at a later time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I assume...

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have an amendment to the resolution, that is offered by Senator Vickers. (Read Vickers amendment found on page 315 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I have very mixed emotions about how to deal with this particular resolution that Senator Schmit brings before us because I understand the frustration, I understand the concern of those people that view what we are doing. I understand the intention that Senator Schmit brings to us to try to broaden the group that is going to Washington and to provide the funds. I am going to have to do a couple of things here. First of all, I would like to ask you to strike paragraph 5, the one that says we are going to provide the cost because I believe it would be a significant amount that we probably